Thefts/robberies and Bomb Blasts Cases in running Trains

3890. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases of thefts, pilferage, robberies, assaults and bomb blasts in running trains has increased in recent months;

(b) if so, the details in this regard for the last six months; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or are going to take to check this menace and make railway journeys safer?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Available information is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes in trains is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police, which functions under the control of the respective State Government/UT Administration. It is, therefore, essentially for them to take such measures as are necessary to curb cirme on railways. The Ministry of Railways has also suggested to the State Governments a plan of action which, inter alia, includes identification of crime prone sections of railways and gearing up security thereof and improvement of communication facilities.

Statement

Statement Showing Number of cases of Thefts, Pilferage, Rubbery/Dacoity and Bomb Blasts (Sabotage on Railways) in running trains *w.e.f. 1.12.97 to 31.5.98*

Sl.No.	Name of Offences	Dec. 97	Jan. 98	Feb. 98	March 98	April 98	May 98
1.	Theft of Mail	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Cases of Wagon breaking, Pilferages	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Robbery/Dacoity	18	23	22	20	12	1
4.	Bomb Blasts (Sabotage on Railways)	3	1	Nil	1	Nil	Nil

NOTE: Data on Assault cases is not maintained at the Central level.

Adminstrative Reforms

3891. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any time bound programme of administrative reforms including those for police and civil services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when these programmes of reforms are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances have reported that administrative efficiency and effectiveness are matters which have been receiving the attention of the Government on a continuous basis. Towards this end, a number of specialised bodies including Commissions, Committees, Special Review Groups and Task Forces have been set up from time to time to suggest necessary reform